

## Message Text

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R 042338Z DEC 73  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: MASS, CE

SUBJ: PURCHASE OF SHIP BY SRI LANKA NAVY

1. WE LIKE YOUR IDEA; PATROL VESSELS MUCH MORE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND JUSTIFIABLE PURCHASE FOR GSL THAN DESTROYERS. THEY WOULD FIT ANTI-SMUGGLING AND ANTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING MISSION OF SRI LANKA NAVY.

2. WE ARE EXPLORING AVAILABILITY AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

3. (FYI. WE ARE INQUIRING WHETHER TWO WPB'S ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LEBANON MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO SRI LANKA. END FYI). KISSINGER

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